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DOMINICK STORY"

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1. SUMMARY: COVERAGE OF THE "AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE DOMINICK
STORY" CONTINUED IN TWO VIENNA MORNING DAILIES ON FEBRUARY 13;
AUSTRIAN TELEVISION ALSO CARRIED REPORT IN ITS EVENING NEWS
COMMENTARY FEBRUARY 12.

2. THE COMMUNIST DAILY "VOLKSSTIMME" (FEB. 13) RAN AN
EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE SMALL DIFFERENCE" ON AMBASSADOR-
DESIGNATE DOMINICK STORY. TRANSLATED EXCERPTS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

"SWITZERLAND HAS SHOWN AGAIN THAT THERE IS A
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NEUTRALITY AND 'NEUTRALITY.'...
MUCH INDIGNATION WAS CAUSED IN SWITZERLAND (BY
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DOMINICK'S INTERVIEW)... DOMINICK AND THE U.S.

SENATE WERE FORCED TO MAKE HURRIED DENIALS, PROMISING THAT ONLY UNARMED AMERICAN PLANES WITH NONMILITARY CARGOES WILL CONTINUE TO CROSS SWITZERLAND. AND HOW ABOUT AUSTRIA? IN THIS COUNTRY, NATO PLANES STILL USE TYROLEAN AIR SPACE WITHOUT INTERCEPTION OR CONTROL. ONLY THE COMMUNIST PRESS PROTESTS. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE MUCH-CITED SWISS MODEL TO BE FOLLOWED BY AUSTRIA."

3. INDEPENDENT "DIE PRESSE- OF FEB. 13 FRONTPAGED AP RELEASE REPORTING THAT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE DOMINICK USED HEARING TO MODIFY EARLIER STATEMENT ON RIGHT TO OVERFLY SWITZERLAND.

4. AUSTRIAN TELEVISION'S SECOND CHANNEL PRIME TIME EVENING NEWS COMMENTARY (FEB. 12) USED A FILM SHOWING AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MAKING CLARIFICATION STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON. ORF'S COMMENTATOR BEGAN HIS BRIEF REPORTAGE WITH STATEMENT THAT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE HAD BECOME AN EMBARRASSEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES EVEN BEFORE ARRIVING AT HIS POST; FURTHER THAT MR. DOMINICK EXEMPLIFIED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SENATOR AND AN AMBASSADOR.

5. ALTHOUGH THE MISSION HAS MONITORED COVERAGE IN TWO ADDITIONAL PROVINCIAL PAPERS OF FEBRUARY 12, SOCIALIST "NEUE ZEIT" (GRAZ) AND PEOPLE'S PARTY "SUEDOEST TAGESPORT" (GRAZ), SIGNIFICANTLY THREE OF THE SIX VIENNA DAILIES HAVE NOT MENTIONED THE STORY.HUMES

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